

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 11 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, and second paragraph, for the reasons set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 11 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3-11, 13 and 18-20 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of co-pending application Serial No. 10/584,730.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith in accordance with PTO practice.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that each ground of rejection and objection set forth in the Official Action has been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

Request for Acknowledgement of Claim of Priority

The Examiner has never acknowledged the claim for foreign priority in this application under 35 USC 119. Furthermore, the Examiner has never acknowledged receipt of all certified copies of the priority documents from the International Bureau.

The Examiner is kindly requested to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority and receipt of the certified priority documents in the Notice of Allowance.

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